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THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND NATIONAL CARAVAN COUNCIL
HAVE PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN RES-
PONSE TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED REFAIR. INFORMATION IS
KEYED TO SECTIONS 1-6 REFAIR.

1. LEGISLATION AND SPECIFICATIONS: THE GOVERNMENTAL
CIRCULARS, LEGISLATION AND BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTE
(BSI) SPECIFICATIONS FOR MOBILE HOMES ARE LISTED BELOW.
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- CARAVAN SITES CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF
1960;
- CARAVAN SITES ACT OF 1968;
- MOBILE HOMES ACT OF 1975;
- MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR
NUMBER 42/60, AUGUST 19, 1960, AND CIRCULAR NUM-
BER 49/68, AUGUST 23, 1968;
- BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTE SPECIFICATION NUMBER
BS3632, 1970.

2. LOCAL PRODUCTION: LOCAL PRODUCTION TOTALED 37,000
UNITS IN 1975 -- 5,000 PERMANENT RESIDENTS MOBILE HOMES
(THESE MUST MEET BUILDING STANDARDS CONTAINED IN REGULA-
TIONS LISTED PARA 1 ABOVE), AND 32,000 PERMANENT HOLIDAY
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HOMES WHICH ARE ONLY SUITABLE FOR TEMPORARY SEASONAL USE
(THESE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO BUILDING REGULATIONS BUT MUST
MEET BSI STANDARDS).

3. LOCALLY PRODUCED UNITS FOR EXPORT: 20,000 UNITS
VALUED AT 20 MILLION POUNDS WERE EXPORTED IN 1975. THESE
WERE ALL OF THE PERMANENT HOLIDAY HOME TYPE.
4. IMPORTS: 109 UNITS VALUED AT 150,000 POUNDS WERE

IMPORTED IN 1975. THESE WERE ALL OF THE HOLIDAY HOME CLASS AND CAME FROM YUGOSLAVIA, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND SCANDANAVIA. SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN BY ORIGIN IS NOT POSSIBLE.

5. STANDARDS FOR IMPORTS: ALL IMPORTED UNITS MUST MEET BSI STANDARDS.

6. PATTERNS OF MOBILE HOME USE: NATIONAL CARAVAN COUNCIL ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 100,000 MOBILE HOMES USED AS PERMANENT RESIDENCES IN THE UK. ACCORDING TO THE COUNCIL, MOST MOBILE HOME RESIDENTS IN THE UK ARE ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOLD THEIR TRADITIONAL HOMES AND MOVED INTO MOBILE HOMES ON THEIR RETIREMENT. THE PERMANENT HOLIDAY MOBILE HOMES ARE USED PREDOMINENTLY DURING THE SUMMER VACATION PERIOD. THERE ARE EXCELLENT CARAVAN SITES WITH FULL AMENITIES THROUGHOUT THE MAJOR TOURIST AREAS.

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